

# Send output of command via email with sendmail

This guide shows how to configure a script to send its output via email. Thereby that the MAILTO= setting in crontabs is global, it's not that easy to send an email to a different address from another crontab files. This function/script can be used to send the output of a crontab to a different address:

## /path/to/script

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#!/bin/bash
RECIPIENT=user@example.com

SCRIPT_DIR=$( cd -- "$( dirname -- "${BASH_SOURCE[0]}" )" &> /dev/null &&
pwd )
SCRIPT_NAME=$(basename "$0")
SENDER=root@$(/bin/hostname)

crontab () {
    echo "Content-Type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8"
    echo "From: $SENDER"
    echo "Subject: <$SENDER> $SCRIPT_DIR/$SCRIPT_NAME "
    echo "To: $RECIPIENT"

    # Commands to be run here

    echo ""
    echo "Script location: $SCRIPT_DIR/$SCRIPT_NAME"
}

crontab | sendmail -t $RECIPIENT
```

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